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**Nassau County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Core Planning Group Meeting #1
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The first Core Planning Group meeting for the Nassau County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan met Monday, November 14, 2005 at the offices of the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management in East Meadow, New York.

The Core Planning Group is a working group comprising key representatives of Nassau County's three towns and two cities, and key stakeholders. The Core Planning Group will manage the overall formulation of activities and contribute to the decision making process. Representatives on the Core Planning Group will in effect become coordinators by organizing outreach efforts within their respective boundaries by means of a team concept. The teams, "Area Assessment Teams," will include representatives from the towns, villages, and cities as well as key stakeholders within that particular geographic area. The function of the Area Assessment Teams is to facilitate and coordinate planning efforts that are required in a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan.

Because only some of the key stakeholders attended, and none of the town or city representatives was able to attend, the meeting was limited in scope.

- Anna Foley of URS Corporation gave a brief overview of the project, highlighting DMA 2000 and criteria for participation and for grant eligibility.
- Terry Winters of the Nassau County Office of Emergency Planning discussed difficulties in getting local municipalities to "buy into" the planning process.
 - Dave Williams of the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) said that because planning resources are limited, it is important that each jurisdiction should know what all the others are doing.
 - Jon Klein of the Town of Oyster Bay (TOB) said that each of the localities needs to know what is in it for them and that they only need to commit people and not money.
 - Mr. Williams said it is vital that the public understand the difference between hazard mitigation planning and hazard response, such as evacuation.
- The group discussed how to:
Provide additional information for the planning process.
 - The attendees examined the hazard identifications sheets.
 - Mr. Klein asked if the plan would include HAZNY.
 - Ms. Foley responded that many hazards in the FEMA identification are not included in HAZNY.
 - Mr. Arnold asked whether all hazards would be ranked.
 - Ms. Foley replied the mitigation actions would be ranked and prioritized based on the probability of damages' occurrence.
 - Mr. Williams suggested that the plan coordinators speak to the Nassau County Historian to get information on the history of natural disasters in the county.
 - Mr. Williams said that the use of geomagnetism could provide a low-tech backup communication system.
 - Ms. Foley said the plan is looking at projects that would reduce hard damages.

Enable localities to understand the potential impacts of natural hazards on their communities.

- Mr. Williams suggested that maps be overlaid on the GIS maps to show the local facilities and infrastructure that would be affected by natural hazards. He pointed out that “we have not had a ‘real event’ here since the hurricane of 1938” and people do not know what such an event can do to their communities.
- Mr. Williams said he would provide a map with information from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration showing a history of hurricanes that have moved up the east coast to impact Long island.
- Mr. Klein said the information should be expanded to include nor’easters.
- Mr. Klein added that the planners should look at claims data and then target those villages with repetitive damages. He also offered to call the Villages of Massapequa Park and Farmingdale.
- Mr. Arnold said village council members should be asked if it is all right to contact their emergency personnel.
- Ms. Foley said she has been trying to obtain area erosion limits. Mr. Arnold said he will try to get maps from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.